## **BOCCE BALL RULES:**

<u>RULES To Play for Retreat:</u> Although there are many different rules governing the play of Bocce, the following rules will be played at the **Retreat** for continuity of team play.

## **RETREAT BOCCE BALL RULES as follows:**

## Each team will appoint "a Captain" of the team.

- 1. The 2 captains flip a coin to determine who goes first.
- 2. The winning captain will roll the Pallino (small white ball) to <u>just passed</u> the half court line (midline). If ball fails to pass mid-line within 2 attempts, the opposing team throws the Pallino ball.
- 3. The winning captain will then roll his first regular ball.
- 4. The opposing captain (or a teammate) will then roll a ball attempting to get closer to the Pallino than the original captain's ball. If successful, the original captain (or a teammate) will attempt to get closest to the Pallino. A team continues to roll until it is closest or has used its 4 balls.
- 5. Points are scored when each team has rolled their 4 balls. If a team has the closest ball to the Pallino, they score 1 point. If they have the 2 closest balls they score 2 points. If the 3 closest—they score 3 points and if the 4 closest, they score 4.
- 6. The team that scores the point starts the next frame of game.
- 7. On a 2 person team, each player throws 2 balls from the end of the court. Player must stay behind the first white line while throwing.
- 8. On a 3 person team, 1 player rolls 2 balls from the end of the court and the other 2 players roll 1 ball each from the end of the court.
- 9. On 4 person teams each player can roll 1 ball from the end of the court **OR** 2 players roll 2 balls each from the end of the court; and the other 2 players on other team roll 2 balls each from the end of the court. Each team determines the order in which they roll.
- 10. The whole court is in play. If the Pallino leaves the court, it is replaced at its point of exit. A regular ball leaving the court is not replaced. If a regular ball hits the back wall (since the whole court is in play)—that ball is still in play.
- 11. A game can be played to any predetermined number. Generally, a score of 10, 12, 15 is used. Unless agreed before a match, the winning team must win by 2 points.

Rules courtesy of Barry Mussatto.

## **TO KEEP OUR BOCCE BALL COURTS IN GOOD CONDITION:**

Please do not walk on courts when switching from one side to the other. Walk on courts only when necessary. There is a walkway in-between to be used when switching or going to the other side.

Thanks for your cooperation.